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DOCKET NO. E-01575A-15-0312

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO
DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO
FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN
THEREON, TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO
DEVELOP SUCH RETURN, AND FOR RELATED
APPROVALS.

**PROCEDURAL ORDER GRANTING
EXTENSION AND MODIFYING
FILING DEADLINES**

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 5, 2015, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC" or "Company") filed an Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a rate increase. By Procedural Order dated October 6, 2015 (modifying a previous Procedural Order), the matter was set for hearing to commence on May 17, 2016, and other procedural guidelines were established.

In the modifying Procedural Order, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") and any intervenors were directed to file direct testimony, except that related to rate design and cost of service, by February 19, 2016. Any direct testimony related to rate design and cost of service was to be filed by March 18, 2016.

By Procedural Order issued January 22, 2016, the Energy Freedom Coalition of America ("EFCA") was granted intervention in this docket.

On March 23, 2016, EFCA filed a Motion for Leave to Extend Deadline for Filing Direct Testimony. EFCE explained that it had relied on the deadlines in the initial, unmodified Procedural Order and was not expecting to have to file its direct testimony until April 1, 2016. Subsequently, EFCA found that the actual deadlines for filing were February 19, 2016, and March 18, 2016. Accordingly, EFCA requested that it be granted an extension to file its direct testimony to April 1,

1 2016. Staff agreed to EFCA's extension request, but SSVEC did not.

2 EFCA is admonished that it is responsible for being familiar with the case schedule and filing
3 deadlines, which can easily be found under the Case Schedule tab in eDocket on the Commission's
4 website. Nevertheless, we will grant EFCA's extension request and will modify other filing deadlines
5 accordingly.

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that EFCA's Motion for Leave to Extend Deadline for
7 Filing Direct Testimony is GRANTED.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that EFCA shall file its direct testimony on or before April 1,
9 2016.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be
11 presented at hearing by the Company shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before April 22,
12 2016.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any surrebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be
14 presented by Staff and/or intervenors shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before May 6,
15 2016.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any rejoinder testimony and associated exhibits to be
17 presented at the hearing by the Company shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before May
18 13, 2016.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
20 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision
21 in this matter is final and non-appealable.

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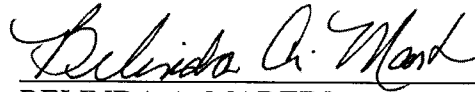
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 24th day of March, 2016.



BELINDA A. MARTIN
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